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Dear Professor Karakasevic:

Thank you very much for the series of E. coli cultures which we received a few days ago. I must tell you that about one third of the tubes were smashed, but we were able to recover all of the cultures with little uncertainty.

Dr. Bernstein, who was most immediately connected with this work has returned to England, and it will be a short while before we will resume the program with these cultures. I can assure you that they are most welcome, and I will let you know of any particularly interesting results with them when we do get to them. Meanwhile, you have intimated that you will be continuing to collect additional strains— I trust you will not have disposed of them before I have an opportunity to rehew my request. Although we may not be able to attack them immediately, we will be pleased to have fresh isolates at any time that it would be convenient for you to dend them.

I hope you will have received the reprints from my own shipment, and I will be pleased to continue the exchange.

Yours sincerely,

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